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The Hon. Evelyn Gigantes, M.P.P.,
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ATT Cathy Fooks:

Dear Ms Gigantes,

Congratulations on your election and appointment as health minister. I appreciate that you must have a lot on your plate, and I write knowing it may take some time for you to reply.

I have discussed my concern with Bob Sutherland and David Reville, and with your Health Policy assistant, Cathy Fooks. I am pleased with the more co-operative and understanding attitude these persons have, as distinct from that of the previous government.

My greatest concern is that you may not be aware of some of the advances we have achieved since we last spoke, including the fact that Health and Welfare LCDC is about to release a very helpful report (Dr. Joe Losos, 613 957 0316). Please find enclosed the minutes from my presentation to the federal standing committee on human rights, in which provincial issues and correspondence involving yourself, is also outlined.

There are three main issues that I have been pushing for, all of them arising from the fact that Health and Welfare and the Provincial Ministry of Health dismissed this problem as psychological for the past two decades (with devastating consequences for people with the problem):

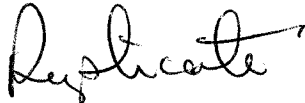
- 1) That the government should help those persons who have been hurt by negative attitudes the government fostered for so many years, and to prevent such a tragedy from happening to people with other poorly explained problems, such as chronic fatigue and post-polio syndrome,
- 2) That the government work to clean up the attitudinal pollution which continues to cause damages for people already diagnosed,
- 3) That the government encourage the "rescue" of those persons with chronic disabilities which may be caused by undiagnosed sensitivities.

There is some evidence to suggest that, due to the negative attitudes fostered by government on this issue for so long, there are several times as many persons with

sensitivities than have, as yet, been diagnosed. These people would be found in high risk groups identified by analyzing the symptoms of people already diagnosed. One of those groups is the psychiatric population, some percentage of which probably has undiagnosed sensitivities as a cause, or a significantly exacerbating factor in their illnesses.

There are about 10 suicides a day in Canada in this group. My personal view is that as many as one per day may be a result of undiagnosed sensitivities, as the incidence of this disability is at least ten per cent of the population, even setting aside the fact that persons with central nervous system dysfunction must be considered members of a high risk group for sensitivities.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris Brown".

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